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76. (New) The antimicrobial peptide according to claim 67 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:10.

77. (New) The antimicrobial peptide according to claim 67 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:11.

78. (New) The antimicrobial peptide according to claim 67 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:12.

79. (New) The antimicrobial peptide according to claim 67 comprising the amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:13.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested. Pending were claims 1-66. As set forth above, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-66 and submit new claims 67-79. Support for the new claims may be found in the specification as originally filed, in part, in original claims 1 and 2, and in the Sequence Listing. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 67-79 are currently pending.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, an antimicrobial peptide comprising an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 for examination at this time.

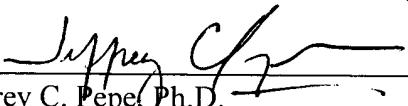
Applicants respectfully traverse this ground of restriction and request reconsideration of the requirement for election. As set forth above, Applicants have hereby canceled original claims 1-66 and have submitted new claims 67-79. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction requirement has been rendered moot because the new claims more clearly define the subject matter encompassed by Applicants' invention. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 67 is a generic claim as defined under MPEP §806.04(d).

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 67-79 satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.141 and, therefore, request that this restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment and election, consideration of claims 67-79 is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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